

Amendments to the Specification

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0001] This application claims the benefit of French Application No. 02 16654 filed on December 24, 2002 and of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/439,805 filed on January 14, 2003, the disclosure of which is incorporated by reference herein.

Please replace paragraphs [0007]-[0008] with the following rewritten paragraphs:

[0007] The invention is directed towards ~~proposing~~ a cosmetic composition capable of lightening a dark skin while at the same time giving a natural makeup result.

[0008] According to one of its aspects among others, one subject of the invention is thus a composition of foundation type, comprising, in a physiologically acceptable medium, at least one coloring agent, the composition being ~~able to be characterized in that it is capable~~, when it is applied to a dark skin, of producing a positive lightness variation ΔL^* between 0.5 and 4 and a positive saturation variation ΔC^* of between 0.5 and 4.

Please replace paragraph [0019] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0019] The makeup thus obtained is a two-coat makeup. The order of superposition and/or the mode of superposition of the two compositions, ~~i.e. or i.e.~~ total or partial, may moreover, where appropriate, give additional aesthetic effects.

Please replace paragraph [0021] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0021] A subject of the invention is also, according to another of its aspects, a method for marketing a composition intended to lighten dark skin, which comprises ~~the step consisting in~~ taking into account, during the marketing of this composition, the color of the skin for which the composition is preferably intended. Such a method may comprise the presentation, by any means, of the skin colors for which the composition is intended, for example by using a colored indicator given on a container or packaging containing the

composition. Reference may also be made on the packaging or container to an ethnic group in which the type of skin color for which the composition is intended is frequently found.

Please replace paragraph [0037] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0037] The invention may be understood more clearly on reading the detailed description that follows, of non-limiting examples of its implementation, and on examining the attached drawing, in which:

- Figure 1 shows diagrammatically and partially an acquisition device that may be used to take colorimetric measurements,
- Figures 2 and 3 show diagrammatically a face placed in the aperture of the sphere of the device of Figure 1, on which colorimetric measurements are taken,
- Figure 4 shows examples of contrast cards that may be used to determine colorimetric characteristics of compositions for lightening the skin,
- Figures 5 and 6 show other examples of contrast cards that may be used to determine colorimetric characteristics of compositions for lightening the skin,
- Figure 7 shows reflectance spectra of compositions,
- Figure 8 shows diagrammatically an example of packaging comprising at least one colored indicator, and
- ~~Table I~~ Figure 9 shows examples of spectral reflectance values in percentages as a function of the wavelength and of the zones.

Please replace paragraph [0038] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0038] The lightness L^* and the saturation C^* may be measured before and after applying makeup, using an acquisition device 1 shown schematically and partially in Figure 1, comprising a sphere 2 inside which are arranged several sources of white light, not ~~apparent, shown,~~ such that the light reaching its aperture 3 is as homogeneous as possible.

Please replace paragraph [0057] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0057] Preferably, the spectral reflectances for at least some or even all of the above zones are within 25%, better still 20%, even better still 15%, even better still 10% and even better still 5% of those given in ~~Table I,~~ Figure 9, for at least one of the wavelengths indicated in the ~~table~~ Figure 9 and preferably all the wavelengths given therein.

Please replace paragraph [0076] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0076] The spectral reflectances measured are those given in ~~Table I,~~ Figure 9, these values being given purely as non-limiting examples.

Please replace paragraph [0180] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0180] The esters of acidic monomers are advantageously chosen from (meth)acrylic acid esters (also known as (meth)acrylates), especially alkyl (meth)acrylates, in particular of a C₁-C₃₀ alkyl and preferably a ~~C1-C20~~ C₁-C₂₀ alkyl, aryl (meth)acrylates, in particular of a C₆-C₁₀ aryl, and hydroxyalkyl (meth)acrylates, in particular of a C₂-C₆ hydroxyalkyl.

Please replace paragraph [0186] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0186] Examples of amides of the acidic monomers that may be mentioned include (meth)acrylamides, and especially N-alkyl(meth)acrylamides, in particular of a ~~C2-C12~~ C₂-C₁₂ alkyl. Among the N-alkyl (meth)acrylamides that may be mentioned are N-ethylacrylamide, N-t-butylacrylamide, N-t-octylacrylamide and N-undecylacrylamide.

Please replace paragraph [0207] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0207] These copolymers may be crosslinked using crosslinking agents, ~~which have the aim of~~ ~~lacuna~~, which may be either of the vinyl type or of the allylic or methallylic type, such as tetraallyloxyethane, divinylbenzene, divinyl octanedioate, divinyl dodecanedioate, and divinyl octadecanedioate.

Please replace the Abstract with the attached amended/substitute Abstract.